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Herbert A. Viergutz, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and states as follows:

- 1. I am bad faith counsel of record for USF&G, in the above captioned matter.
- 2. USF&G is located in Baltimore, Maryland, and it would be cost prohibitive to have USF&G appear personally by travel to Alaska for purposes of attending the Status Hearing on June 16, 2006. As a result, counsel respectfully requests the Court to issue an Order allowing it to participate telephonically.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Dated this ____ day of June, 2006.

Herbert A. Viergutz

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this ____ day of June, 2006.

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